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The House met at 9 a.m.

The Reverend Joseph A. Darby, Pastor, Morris Brown African Methodist Episcopal Church, Charleston, South Carolina, offered the following prayer:

Gracious, merciful and omnipotent Creator, we thank You for this new day, for Your grace, for Your wisdom, and for Your mercy. We thank You for the blessing of democracy and for bringing us safely to this hour.

Bless and guide all that is said and done in this deliberative body. Bless the Members of the House with Your judgment, Your strength and Your compassion, so that they will make decisions with an eye not towards what is politically convenient, but towards what is right for all Americans.

Bless our world and keep all nations in perfect peace. Bless our Nation so that what Lincoln called "the better angels of our nature" will prevail. Bless our leadership at all levels so that public policy will be made in the light of truth that shall indeed make us free.

Have mercy upon us and help us to celebrate the diversity of our unity and the unity of our diversity. Let the words of Your servant Amos be reflected in the decisions made here, so that justice will roll on like a river, so that righteousness will flow like a never-failing stream, so that we can really become one Nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CLYBURN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WARM WELCOME FOR THE REVEREND JOSEPH A. DARBY

(Mr. CLYBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank my pastor, the Reverend Joseph Darby of Morris Brown A.M.E. Church, for gracing us with his presence here today and for leading this august body in the invocation.

I said to Reverend Darby just before he came in, I think he may have lucked out today because this is the day the former Members will be meeting, and he will have the opportunity to send the invocation to some warm bodies on the floor. And so I wanted to thank him for being here, thank him for his leadership.

Reverend Darby is more than the pastor of Morris Brown A.M.E. Church. He is the first vice president of the South Carolina branch of the NAACP. He has a leadership style that endears him to those of us who find ourselves in public service. It is one thing to go to church on Sunday and to be a part of a congregation; it is something else to be able to turn to your pastor for the kind of strength that David and Daniel showed as they carried out their good works.

So, Mr. Speaker, I want to welcome not just my pastor, but my good friend, Reverend Darby, here today and thank him for gracing us with his presence and thank him for the leadership he gives to his church, to his State, to his Nation.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of Friday, May 9, 2003, the House will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair to receive the former Members of the Congress.

Accordingly, (at 9 o'clock and 8 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

RECEPTION OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

The Speaker of the House presided.

The SPEAKER. On behalf of the House of Representatives, I am happy to welcome to this Chamber very good friends of this institution, former Members of Congress.

You are not only friends of this institution; you are also friends of ours. As we make our way in governing this Nation, we stand on your shoulders. Your contributions to this House will not be forgotten.

Every one of the Members here has spent precious years of their life in this Chamber. Some of the best years of their lives were spent in this Chamber working to represent the needs and the concerns of the American people.

Your commitment to your Nation did not end when you left Congress.

Many of you went on to do other things in public service. Many of you excelled in the private sector. And many of you have continued to serve our Nation in many other honorable ways.

Bill Archer is one of those people. He is certainly an ideal and worthy choice to receive the Distinguished Service Award that this body, your group, is about to give.

As chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, Bill Archer was known as a fair, judicious, and effective leader. He called them like he saw them. He believed that the Tax Code needed fundamental reform, and he carried that message throughout this country.

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